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and the benefits of the in-
secured to every portion of
the State. The immense sum-
spread abroad by our citizens,
of their children, takes away
means and operates injuriously
Situations as healthy can-
our borders as elsewhere,
can be as cheaply obtained.
can never be far removed from
patriotism, no less than
upon us the duty of educa-
at home. In early life the

The whole State is intersected with large rivers, containing no rapids, and it is only necessary to cut the logs from their beds and the pendant trees on their banks, to make them navigable for a great portion of the year, by steamboats; and the whole year by keel boats; navigation could be had in every portion of the State, and no one would have to haul his products far, in order to obtain transportation to the best markets, and procure his necessary supplies. A bale of cotton can be freighted a thousand miles on a Steamboat, as cheap as it can be carried thirty miles on a Rail-road. Five hundred thousand dollars judiciously expended in clearing out the various rivers and creeks in the State would be of more real benefit to the people than the construction of all the Rail-roads now in progress of completion. Those who are so fortunate as to be situated near good navigation ought not to deny the

been the custom to look for the Law in the opinions of jurists. The Legislative will expressed, in accordance with the Constitution, is the only law recognised in a free government. The present is a most auspicious time for the adoption of an entire new Code of Laws. Fully one half of our population have recently emigrated to the State; are unacquainted with the existing Laws, and could sooner become familiar with a new Code, than the old, for copies of the Code of 1822, are not to be had. Should you, in your wisdom, decline acting on the three first Books of the Revised Statutes, it will be necessary to authorise and provide for the re-printing of the Code of 1822, in order that those officers now destitute may be supplied. The best interest of the State requires, jeopardized, in consequence of our public officers being unable to obtain complete sets of the existing statutes. There is no security for life, liberty, or property, deprived of the people, are of access to the laws. A new criminal code, adapted to the Penitentiary system, will require your early attention.—The State prison is in rapid progress of completion, and will be ready for the reception of convicts in a few months. The severity of the existing Code, and the great number of crimes punishable by death, prevent its enforcement.—Laws that outrage public opinion are but seldom executed—the spirit of the age is opposed to hanging, branding, cropping, whipping, and the pillory—crime

About two hundred thousand dollars of the money received of the Agricultural bank, on account of the Surplus Revenue, was deposited in the Planter's Bank at Jackson, and that branch has, ever since the suspension, refused to pay out any thing to the public creditors, except Brandon money. In order that future defalcations may be prevented

Soon after the appointment of J. A. Van Hoesen, as State Treasurer, I directed him to call on the legal representatives of James Phillips, for all the books, papers and money belonging to the office. He reported to me that he counted the money in the iron chest, but that the books of the Treasurer were not written up, and time was required to effect that object, and to ascertain whether all the money, found in the safe, belonged to the State. Having been informed that no part of the money found in the safe of the late Treasurer had been paid over to his successor, I felt it my duty to call on the Executive for a report of the official acts of James Phillips, and the amount of money found in the chest at the time of his death. A copy of said communication is herewith transmitted.

On the day the books were opened at Jackson, I subscribed for fifty thousand shares of stock in the bank, and executed bonds for five millions of dollars, as soon as they were prepared for my official